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IMAGE-READING DEVICE PERFORMING A WHITE-SHADING CORRECTION BY OBTAINING A PEAK VALUE OF AVERAGE VALUES OF IMAGE DATA READ FROM A REFERENCE-WHITE

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Respectfully Submitted,

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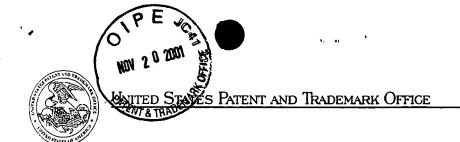
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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The oath or declaration is missing.
 A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.

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FILING OF DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(f)

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Responsive to the notification dated October 1, 2001, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.53(f), Applicants submit herewith a Rule 63 Declaration.

The required fee was paid at the time of filing the application.

In light of the foregoing, this application is deemed to be in proper condition for examination and such favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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